

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method, employing a browser in data communication
2 over a network with a server, for determining a price of a product, ~~said server having a plurality~~
3 ~~of addresses in an address space associated therewith~~, said method comprising:
4 providing displaying information concerning said product for display in a browser
5 window, said information including a first offered price [[data]] of said product;
6 receiving information from said browser indicating an agreement by a user of the browser
7 of said first offered price for said product;
8 storing product related information including agreeing to said first offered price, wherein
9 said product is configured with multiple features, said stored product related
10 information includes said features of said product and said stored product related
11 information data by transmitting product-related information to the server for
12 storage in a subportion of said plurality of server addresses, wherein said
13 transmitted product-related information includes said first offered price data of the
14 product and wherein the subportion of said plurality of server addresses is
15 associated with an identification code corresponding to [[a]] said user of the
16 browser, wherein the agreed-to offered price data defines agreed-price data; and
17 receiving a purchase request associated with said identification code, wherein the
18 purchase request indicates an agreement to purchase said product for said first
19 offered price;
20 prior to responding to said purchase request, determining if an event has occurred prior to
21 receiving said purchase request to cause modification of the first offered price,
22 wherein the event that caused modification of the first offered price is unrelated to
23 any data received from said user subsequent to storing said product related
24 information; and
25 changing said ~~agreed-price data~~ first offered price of said product to a second offered
26 price [[data]] of said product in response to [[an]] said event that caused
27 modification of the first offered price.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein said event is a predetermined event that includes expiration of a preset amount of time.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein said event is a predetermined event that includes ~~disassociating said~~ changes in said product related information associated with said product. ~~from said subportion of said plurality of addresses.~~

4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein said information corresponds to characteristics of an automobile.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein ~~said information corresponds to characteristics associated with an automobile, and said changing said agreed price~~ first offered price comprises:
varying one or more features with which said product is configured, ~~said characteristics.~~

6. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 2 wherein said preset time is in a range of one to ten days.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein said first offered price [[data]] includes tax information ~~includes taxes~~ associated with a geographic region and a manufacture's suggested retail price (MSRP), and said changing said agreed price [[data]] comprises:
varying said MSRP independently of said ~~taxes~~ tax information.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:
a processor; ~~configured to operate a browser;~~
a network interface, coupled to said processor and coupled to a server client computer via a network, wherein said network interface permits said browser client computer to be in data communication over said network with said processor server and said ~~server has a plurality of addresses in an address space associated therewith;~~
computer readable medium coupled to said processor; and

8 computer code, encoded in said computer readable medium, for determining a price of a
9 product by virtue of being configured to cause said processor to:
10 provide display information concerning said product [[in]] for display by a client
11 computer coupled to the browser window, said display information
12 including a first offered price [[data]] of said product; [[and]]
13 receive information from said client computer indicating an agreement by a user
14 of the client computer of said first offered price for said product;
15 store product related information including ~~permit agreement to~~ said first offered
16 price data, wherein said product is configured with multiple features, said
17 stored product related information includes said features of said product,
18 and said stored product related information is associated with an
19 identification code corresponding to the user of the client computer; ~~by-~~
20 transmitting product-related information to the server for storage in a
21 subportion of said plurality of server addresses, wherein said transmitted
22 product-related information includes said first offered price data of the
23 product and wherein the subportion of said plurality of server addresses is
24 associated with an identification code corresponding to a user of the
25 browser, wherein the agreed to offered price data defines agreed price data
26 of said product and said agreed price data changes to second offered price-
27 data of said product in response to an event;
28 receive a purchase request associated with said identification code, wherein the
29 purchase request indicates an agreement to purchase said product for said
30 first offered price;
31 determine, prior to responding to said purchase request, if an event has occurred
32 prior to receiving said purchase request to cause modification of the first
33 offered price, wherein the event that caused modification of the first
34 offered price is unrelated to any data received from said user subsequent to
35 storage of said product related information; and
36 change said first offered price of said product to a second offered price of said
37 product in response to the event that caused modification of the first
38 offered price.

1 9. (Previously Presented) The computer system as recited in claim 8 wherein said
2 event is a predetermined event that includes expiration of a preset amount of time.

1 10. (Currently Amended) The computer system as recited in claim 8 wherein said
2 event is a predetermined event that includes ~~disassociating said~~ changes in said product related
3 information associated with said product, from said subportion of said plurality of addresses.

1 11. (Original) The computer system as recited in claim 8 wherein said information
2 corresponds to characteristics of an automobile.

1 12. (Currently amended) The computer system as recited in claim 8 wherein ~~said~~
2 ~~information corresponds to characteristics associated with an automobile, and said computer-~~
3 ~~code configured to cause said processor~~ said code to change said agreed first offered price is
4 further configured to cause said processor to:
5 vary one or more features with which said product is configured, said characteristics.

1 13. (Previously Presented) The computer system as recited in claim 9 wherein said
2 preset amount of time is in a range of one to ten days.

1 14. (Currently Amended) The computer system as recited in claim 8 wherein said
2 first offered price [[data]] includes tax information ~~includes taxes~~ associated with a geographic
3 region and a manufacture's suggested retail price(MSRP), and said computer code configured to
4 cause said processor to change said agreed first offered price [[data]] is further configured to
5 cause said processor to:
6 vary said MSRP independently of said ~~taxes~~ tax information.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program storage medium for operation on a server computer system in data communication over a network with at least one client computer system employing a browser application, the computer program product comprising code for determining a price of a product, ~~said server computer system having a plurality of addresses in an address space associated therewith,~~ said computer program storage medium comprising:

for each client computer system:

- code to provide display information to said browser application concerning said product, said display information including a first offered price [[data]] of said product;
- code to associate ~~a subportion of said plurality of server addresses with an~~ identification code corresponding to ~~[[said]]~~ a user of said client system;
- code to receive product-related information from said client computer system indicating an acceptance of said first offered price; ~~data, wherein said received product-related information includes said first offered price data of the product;~~
- code to store said product-related information, wherein said product is configured with multiple features, said stored product related information includes said features of said product, and said stored product related information is associated with said identification code; in said subportion of said plurality of server addresses, wherein the accepted offered price defines agreed-price data; and
- code to receive a purchase request associated with said identification code, wherein the purchase request indicates an agreement to purchase said product for said first offered price;
- code to determine, prior to responding to said purchase request, if an event has occurred prior to receiving said purchase request to cause modification of the first offered price, wherein the event that caused modification of the first offered price is unrelated to any data received from said user subsequent to storage of said product related information; and

30 code to change said ~~agreed first offered~~ price [[data]] of said product to a second
31 offered price [[data]] of said product in response to [[an]] the event that
32 caused modification of the first offered price.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The computer program storage medium as recited in
2 claim 15 wherein event is a predetermined event that includes expiration of a preset amount of
3 time

1 17. (Currently Amended) The computer program storage medium as recited in claim
2 15 wherein said event is a predetermined event that includes ~~disassociating said changes in said~~
3 product related information associated with said product, from said subportion of said plurality
4 of addresses.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The computer program storage medium as recited in
2 claim 15 wherein said information corresponds to characteristics of an automobile.

1 19. (Currently Amended) The computer program storage medium as recited in claim
2 15 wherein ~~said information corresponds to characteristics associated with an automobile, and~~
3 ~~said computer code configured to cause said processor~~ said code to change said agreed first
4 offered price is further configured to cause said processor to:
5 code to vary one or more features with which said product is configured, said-
6 characteristics.

1 20. (Previously Presented) The computer program storage medium as recited in
2 claim 16 wherein said preset amount of time is in a range of one to ten days.

1 21. (Currently Amended) The computer program storage medium as recited in claim
2 15 wherein said first offered price [[data]] includes tax information ~~includes taxes~~ associated
3 with a geographic region and a manufacture's suggested retail price(MSRP), and said computer
4 code configured to cause said processor to change said ~~agreed first offered~~ price [[data]] is
5 further configured to cause said processor to:
6 code to vary said MSRP independently of said taxes tax information.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, employing a browser in data communication over a network with a server, for determining a price of a product, ~~said server having a plurality of addresses in an address space associated therewith~~, said ~~method apparatus~~ comprising:

means for providing displaying information concerning said product for display in a browser window, said information including a first offered price [[data]] of said product;

means for receiving information from said browser indicating an agreement by a user of the browser of said first offered price for said product;

means for storing product related information including ~~agreeing to~~ said first offered price, wherein said product is configured with multiple features, said stored product related information includes said features of said product and said stored product related information ~~data by transmitting product related information to the server for storage in a subportion of said plurality of server addresses, wherein said transmitted product related information includes said first offered price data of the product and wherein the subportion of said plurality of server addresses is associated with an identification code corresponding to [[a]] the user of the browser, wherein the agreed to offered price data defines agreed price data; and~~

means for receiving a purchase request associated with said identification code, wherein the purchase request indicates an agreement to purchase said product for said first offered price;

means for determining, prior to responding to said purchase request, if an event has occurred prior to receiving said purchase request to cause modification of the first offered price, wherein the event that caused modification of the first offered price is unrelated to any data received from said user subsequent to storage of said product related information; and

means for changing said ~~agreed price data~~ first offered price of said product to a second offered price [[data]] of said product in response to [[an]] the event that caused modification of the first offered price.

1 23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein said event is
2 a predetermined event that includes expiration of a preset amount of time.

1 24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein said event is a
2 predetermined event that includes ~~disassociating said~~ changes in said product related information
3 associated with said product. ~~from said subportion of said plurality of addresses.~~

1 25. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein said information
2 corresponds to characteristics of an automobile.

1 26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 23 wherein ~~said-~~
2 ~~information corresponds to characteristics associated with an automobile, and said changing said~~
3 ~~agreed price first offered price~~ comprises:
4 means for varying one or more features with which said product is configured. ~~said-~~
5 ~~characteristics.~~

1 27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 23 wherein said preset
2 amount of time is in a range of one to ten days.

1 28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein said first
2 offered price [[data]] includes tax information ~~includes taxes~~ associated with a geographic region
3 and a manufacture's suggested retail price (MSRP), and said changing said agreed price [[data]]
4 comprises:
5 means for varying said MSRP independently of said ~~taxes~~ tax information.

1 29. (Canceled).

1 30. (Canceled).

1 31. (Canceled).

32. (Canceled).

33. (Canceled).

34. (Canceled).

35. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein said event corresponds to a change in a specification of said product.

36. (Previously Presented) The computer system as recited in claim 8 wherein said event corresponds to a change in a specification of said product.

37. (Previously Presented) The computer program product as recited in claim 15 wherein said event corresponds to a change in a specification of said product.

38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein said event corresponds to a change in a specification of said product.

39. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a server computer system for determining a price of a product, said server computer system having a plurality of addresses in an address space associated therewith and said server computer system is in data communication over a network with at least one client system employing a browser application, the method comprising:

for each client computer system:

providing display information to said browser application concerning said product, said information including a first offered price [[data]] of said product;

associating a subportion of said plurality of server addresses with an identification code corresponding to said client system;

receiving product-related information from said client computer system indicating

an acceptance of said first offered price data, wherein said received

product-related information includes said first offered price data of the product and;
storing said received product-related information and said first offered price in said subportion of said plurality of server addresses, wherein the accepted first offered price defines an agreed price; ~~data; and~~
receiving a purchase request associated with said identification code, wherein the purchase request indicates an agreement to purchase said product for said first offered price;
prior to responding to said purchase request, determining if an event has occurred prior to receiving said purchase request to cause modification of the first offered price, wherein the event that caused modification of the first offered price is unrelated to any data received from said user subsequent to storing said product related information; and
changing said agreed price [[data]] of said product to a second offered price [[data]] of said product in response to [[an]] the event that caused modification of the first offered price.

40. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 39 wherein event is a predetermined event that includes expiration of a preset amount of time

41. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 40 wherein said preset amount of time is in a range of one to ten days.

42. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 39 wherein said event is a predetermined event that includes ~~disassociating said~~ changes in said product related information associated with said product, from said subportion of said plurality of addresses.

43. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 39 wherein said information corresponds to characteristics of an automobile.

1 44. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 39 wherein ~~said~~
2 ~~information corresponds to characteristics associated with an automobile, and said code that~~
3 ~~changes said agreed price data changing said agreed price~~ comprises:
4 ~~code to vary said characteristics;~~ varying one or more features with which said product is
5 configured.

1 45. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 39 wherein said first
2 offered price [[data]] includes tax information ~~includes taxes~~ associated with a geographic region
3 and a manufacture's suggested retail price (MSRP), and ~~said code that changes changing~~ said
4 agreed price [[data]] comprises:
5 ~~code to vary said~~ varying said MSRP independently of said ~~taxes~~ tax information.

1 46. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 39 wherein said event
2 corresponds to a change in a specification of said product.

1 47. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein agreement to
2 said price is effected by storing said product-related information in said subportion of said
3 addresses associated with said server.

1 48. (Currently Amended) The computer system as recited in 8 wherein agreement to
2 said first offered price is effected by storing code to cause the processor to store said product-
3 related information in [[said]] a subportion of [[said]] addresses associated with said server.

1 49. (Currently Amended) The computer program storage medium as recited in claim
2 15 wherein agreement to said first offered price is effected by storing code to cause the processor
3 to store said product-related information in [[said]] a subportion of [[said]] addresses associated
4 with said server.

1 50. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein agreement to
2 said first offered price is effected by means for storing said product-related information in
3 [[said]] a subportion of [[said]] addresses associated with said server.

1 51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39 wherein agreement to said first
2 offered price is effected by storing said product-related information in [[said]] a subportion of
3 [[said]] addresses associated with said server.